

What Does School Have to Do with a Real Job?

Have you ever asked yourself that question? Actually many of the skills you learn in high school do apply to what you will be doing day-to-day in a real job. For each of the following skills, write how each one is used at school and at work.

Skill	How is this skill used at school?	How is this skill used at work?
Meeting Deadlines		
Expressing Yourself Verbally		
Being Dependable		
Remembering		
Expressing Yourself in Writing		
Listening		
Working Independently		
Taking Notes		
Making Decisions		
Solving Problems		
Working as a Team		
Negotiating		
Being Motivated		
Leading Others		
Communicating with Authority (Being Assertive)		
Being on Time		

Discuss the following in class:

1. How can extracurricular activities help you develop these skills?
2. How can planning and implementing a class event, like prom or a class fundraiser, help in developing these skills?
3. Which skills in the above list can you learn through doing activities like helping with family chores or household duties? Identify two.
4. Why is it in your best interest to work on the above skills in high school?